House Resolution No. 95

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pause in their diverse legislative duties in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have earned distinction as exemplary citizens in their local towns and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Dorothy Buford has distinguished herself through service as an Election Judge in Jackson County's City of Sugar Creek, Missouri, for the past fifty-eight years, an ever-important endeavor which she is now bringing to an honorable close; and

Whereas, born on March 7, 1916, Dotty Buford moved to Sugar Creek in 1937 when she married her beloved Charles Buford, a lifelong resident of the community who passed away in 1986 at the age of 78; and

Whereas, Dotty Buford first assumed responsibility as an Election Judge in 1943, when the Honorable Rudy Roper sought his second term as Mayor of Sugar Creek; and

Whereas, Dotty Buford began working for the Jackson County Election Board in 1957 as a Democratic Election Judge, an important responsibility which she has stalwartly shouldered for more than forty-six years for the City of Sugar Creek; and

Whereas, Dotty Buford has served as a Supervisor of Election Judges at the Sugar Creek Church of Christ polling station in Precinct B1-9 since 1978; and

Whereas, in addition to her stellar history of wholehearted civic involvement as an Election Judge, Dotty Buford provided leadership as President of the Sugar Creek MOMAS Club for a number of years until its demise in 2000:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exceptional service so freely rendered by Dorothy Buford to the citizens of Sugar Creek for the past fifty-eight years and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt respect and admiration for her extraordinary commitment to the governmental institutions, people, and democratic traditions found in her local community; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of retiring Election Judge Dorothy Buford of Sugar Creek, Missouri.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 95, adopted January 21, 2003.